



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

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CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Thank you to the families that donated during our "drive-by" fundraiser. We appreciate that money is tight and many charities are hungry for donations this year. We have been extremely fortunate over the years to have a very generous population and thank all of you for your donations of funding, time and energy! More to come later on the direct appeal and budget considerations for next year. A huge thank you to Lynn Vozzella and Joyce Hart for masterminding the distribution of the H1N1 vaccine. This is a monstrous undertaking and as anyone who has attempted to schedule a flu shot at their pediatricians can attest, a super convenient way to get your children immunized. One more thank you as we searched for the lunch menu today on our website we also praise the work of Laura Steenburgh, who has worked so diligently as keeping our website and newsletters current. Thank you Laura! We wish you moments of joy and hope during this holiday season. Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Dec 24-Jan 3rd Holiday Break No School
Monday, Jan 4th Back to School
Monday, Jan 18th No School MLK Day

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Thank you to all who helped make the Fifth Grade Ice Cream Social a huge success (eating counts!). Help came from over 50 Fifth Graders and 31 parents, but a special shoutout to our barrista Mike McGee who served delicious coffees and espressos both nights, his mother Sarah McGee for donating her machine and the coffee, and to Maria Sergenian who got nearly all the toppings cups, bowl and napkins donated, and Deb Murray for her expertise. Thank you to Burger King, Stop and Shop, Cups and Cones, McDonalds, Modern Pastry, Starbucks, Catch a Falling Star, Costco, BJ's, Whole Foods, Cafe Dolce for their donations resulting in a nearly 100 percent profit event for our Fifth Graders. Lise Cronin and Ceci Cordeiro



Get your holiday shopping finished quickly and earn CASH for Lincoln School with each and every purchase!

Avoid the hustle and bustle this year and have your holiday gifts delivered right to your door. First, [register online](http://www.boxtops4education.com) through the website www.boxtops4education.com and designate Lincoln School. Second, start your online shopping at the [Box Tops for Education Marketplace](http://www.BoxTopsforEducationMarketplace.com) and Box Tops will credit your purchases to Lincoln school. Once you click on the link to one of your favorite online stores - you'll be automatically sent to that store's web site. Shop as you normally would, and a portion of your qualifying purchase is donated to Lincoln school. You'll save time, save money, and earn cash for Lincoln School. Over 60 popular online stores have teamed up with Box Tops. Here is just a sampling of participating stores: Old Navy, Gap, GapKids, Home Depot, Walmart, PotteryBarn, Apple, Overstock.com, Barnes & Noble, Etoys, K-B Toys, Kohl's, Staples, Target, Lands' End, Sears, Best Buy, Eddie Bauer, Nordstrom, Shutterfly.

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

Any amount helps and is greatly appreciated! If you haven't already given please help us reach our goal of \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. In the next few weeks we will be sending out a mailing, but let's see if we can hit our goal before then. Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips, speakers and activities. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee. Thank you in advance for your support.

To Contribute:

You may either leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of

the school *or* you may contribute on-line with your credit card at www.lincolnspace.org by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. Many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain the forms from your employer's human resource department.

THANK YOU FROM MRS. VOZELLA

Note of thanks,

I want to thank the 5th graders and Mrs. Kolodziej for all their help sorting and delivering the warm clothes to the East Somerville Community School.

The students and staff were so surprised by the amount of clothes Lincoln School donated. They are so very appreciative.

I also want to thank the LSPA and all Lincoln parents for my generous gift card to Vivian's Salon. I can't wait to use it. I enjoy your children so much every day.

Truly yours, Lynn Vozzella

LESSONS IN GOVERNMENT AT LINCOLN SCHOOL

On Thursday December 3, 2009, Winchester's Lincoln Elementary school gave students a presentation about government from real people working in government. The school auditorium was packed full of third, fourth and fifth graders. The event was a joint bipartisan presentation featuring Winchester state representative Jason Lewis and Massachusetts Republican Party chairperson Jennifer Nassour. Jason talked to the students about how there are different types of government in the world and about our system of democracy. He spoke about government controlling some aspects of our lives, but that other things are determined by the people in a democratic society. Then he spoke about elections in general and the current special election to replace US Senator Edward Kennedy. The students were clearly disappointed that they are not

allowed to vote! Jennifer spoke to the students about the concept of political parties and how they affect government. Jennifer explained and provided examples of how the kids can get involved even though they can't vote. Both speakers were very engaging and the students asked many questions. The event was a great success and one could hear the students talking about government as they headed outside to go home. Another great day of learning at Lincoln Elementary School.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WINCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL

The Winchester Public School Preschool is sponsoring an Open House at Winchester Preschool Lynch Elementary School on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 9:30 - 10:30AM and 7:00-8:00 PM. Please call 781-721-7015 to reserve your space.

TOY DRIVE

Please join the 4th Annual **Bridget Brigade Toy Drive** to benefit children hospitalized during the holidays. We will be accepting new, unwrapped gifts in the \$10-\$15 range from Friday November 27, 2009 - Friday December 18, 2009. This year, if you purchase a toy drive item at Catch a Falling Star in Winchester, 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the Bridget Brigade - every gift will keep giving! Items purchased for the toy drive will be collected at the store. For other toys, you may call to arrange a pick up or feel free to drop off items at either the home of: John & Dianne Dobbins, 9 Emerson Rd, Winchester, MA 01890, 781-721-1331 or Courtney & Joe Peters, 64 Salisbury St., Winchester, 781-721-5610. Brigade Toy Drive is organized by the Dobbins family to honor the memory of their daughter, Bridget Marie.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Looking for something to keep the winter blues away? The Network invites you to enjoy a festive winter evening of music, fun, and food, in collaboration with the Winchester Public Library, The Winchester Seniors Association, the Griffin Museum and the Winchester Community Music School to Saturday Night at the Movies on Saturday, January 9, 2010, 5:30 to 10 PM for a progressive dinner party and movie nostalgia.

Locations: Winchester Community Music School, Jenks Center, and Griffin Museum
Tickets: \$55 per person, available at the Jenks Center, BookEnds, and the Winchester Public Library.

Are we going to a movie? No, but the evening's theme revolves around movies

and the controversy in Winchester in the '20s and '30s when the prospect of a movie theater being built in town caused quite a commotion. You'll start with a shuttle bus ride from the Jenks parking lot to the Music School where wine, beer, and sparkling water, along with hors d'oeuvres, will be served while you listen to performances of movie music themes and test your trivia knowledge. Then you return to the Jenks Center for dinner and a performance by Robert Hallisey and Ellen Knight as they present a semi-staged Readers' Theater "Say 'No' to Movies". After that, it's off to the Griffin Museum of Photography for dessert and coffee. We hope you will join us! For more information, call the Multicultural Network office at 781-729-7100 781-729-7100 or email office@wmcn.org.

ABC BOTTLE DRIVE

The Winchester ABC Program will hold its next Bottle Drive on Saturday, January 9, 2010, from 8 AM to 3 PM in the parking lot behind the Sons of Italy Hall at the entrance to the transfer station. Your returnable bottles and cans help to finance the ABC Program. As always, volunteers are needed the day of the drive to help sort the bottles and cans. If you have an hour or two and can help, please know that you are welcome. For more information, please call Brian Sergenian at 781-721-0242.

PARENT TO PARENT

Parent to Parent will be hosting its annual "Evening With the Superintendent" on Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:30 to 9pm at Winchester High School. Please join us for a "state of our schools" report and open dialogue with Superintendent William McAlduff. Topics may include the school budget, curriculum, new programs, school building maintenance, & sports and fields. To submit your questions beforehand, email info@parenttoparentwinchester.org.

BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of Troop 507 will collect old holiday trees from Winchester residents again this year. On Saturday, January 9, 2010, the Scouts will collect trees from those residents who have pre-registered with a \$10 fee and bring the trees to the Transfer Station. This is sixteenth year that this successful fundraiser has helped Winchester residents dispose of their old trees, while helping the troop raise money for equipment and trips. The deadline for paid pre-registrations is Monday, January 4, 2010. Please send your orders with name, address, and telephone number and a check for \$10 per tree to the order of Troop 507,

c/o Douglas Benedict, 5 Tufts Road, Winchester, MA 01890. Email your questions to boyscout507trees@gmail.com or call 781-820-2141 781-820-2141 for more information. All trees must be curbside by 7AM on Saturday January 9, 2010. Please make sure that you remove all wiring, ornaments and plastics. The boys thank you for your support!

WFEE NEWS

Struggling readers will be getting some additional help at Lincoln School thanks to a grant from the Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence. Library media specialist LeeAnne Toner asked for and received a WFEE grant to buy "Playaways" for students who are auditory learners and for those who speak English as a second language. The "Playaway" is a digital audio book which supplements traditional "hard copy" books. "Students who struggle with reading will build confidence as they read the text silently in conjunction with the speaker on the Playaway," says Mrs. Toner. The "Playaway" is only one of the WFEE grants at work in Lincoln School this year. If you would like to support programs like this please consider a gift to WFEE either through our website at www.wfee.org or by mail to PO Box 1005, Winchester, MA 01890. It is with strong community backing that WFEE is able to support innovation and excellence in Winchester's public schools.

FANSPLASH UPDATES

The Arthur Griffin Foundation for Winchester has pledged a grant of \$15,000 towards the construction of the splash park at Borggaard Beach. The Foundation will match on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to a maximum of \$15,000, any contributions of cash received by or pledged in support of the project from December 15, 2009 through April 1, 2010. FANSplash is grateful for their generosity, and for their continual support of beautification projects in Winchester. You can learn more about the FANSplash project and make a secure tax deductible donation online at www.fansplash.org.

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